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Remarks

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application as amended.

Claims 30, 36, 38 and 43 have been amended. No claims have been cancelled. Therefore, claims 30-51 are presented for examination.

Claims 36-37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for the following reasons. Applicant submits that claim 36 has been amended to appear in proper condition for allowance.

Claims 30, 43 and 46 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Carr (U.S. Patent No. 5,293,379). Applicant submits that the present claims are patentable over Carr.

Carr discloses a data processing system employing a compression method. See Carr at Abstract. The method includes reformatting each data packet by associating its static fields with a first packet region and its dynamic fields with a second packet region. The process then assembles a static table that includes static information from at least an initial data packet's first packet region. It then identifies static field information in a subsequent data packet's first packet region that is common to the information in the static table. Such common information is encoded so as to reduce its data length. The common static information is then replaced in the modified data packet with the encoded common static information and the modified data packet is then transmitted. A similar action occurs with respect to user-data information. A single dictionary table is created for all packet headers, while separate dictionary tables are created for each user-data portion of a packet-type experienced in the communication network thereby enabling better compression. Id.

Docket No. 005545.P002 Application No. 09/902,515 Claim 30 of the present application recites identifying at the interface whether the data is an electronic mail (email) message corresponding to a user mailbox or address book data corresponding to the user address book. Applicant submits that nowhere in Carr is there disclose determining whether data is an email message corresponding to a user mailbox or address book data corresponding to the user address book. Particularly, there is no disclosure in Carr of processing email messages corresponding to a user mailbox or address book data corresponding to the user address book. Thus, claim 1 is patentable over Carr.

Claims 31-37 depend from claim 30 and include additional limitations. Therefore, claims 31-37 are also patentable over Carr. Further, independent claims 38 and 43, and their respective dependent claims, are patentable over Carr for the reasons described above with respect to claim 30 since claims 38 and 43 also recite identifying whether the data is an email message corresponding to a user mailbox or address book data corresponding to the user address book.

Claims 36-37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Carr (U.S. Patent No. 5,293,379) as applied to Claim 30, further in view of Unger et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,991,713). Applicant submits that the present claims are patentable over Carr even in view of Unger.

Unger discloses a method for compressing text including parsing words from text in an input file and comparing the parsed words to a predetermined dictionary. The dictionary has a plurality of vocabulary words in it and numbers or tokens corresponding to each vocabulary word. A further step is determining which of the parsed words are not present in the predetermined dictionary and creating at least one supplemental dictionary including the parsed words that are not present in the predetermined dictionary. The predetermined

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dictionary and the supplemental dictionary are stored together in a compressed file. Also, the parsed words are replaced with numbers or tokens corresponding to the numbers assigned in the predetermined and supplemental dictionary and the numbers or tokens are stored in the compressed file. See Unger at Abstract.

Nevertheless, Unger does not disclose or suggest identifying whether data is an email message corresponding to a user mailbox or address book data corresponding to the user address book. As discussed above, Carr does not disclose or suggest identifying whether data is an email message corresponding to a user mailbox or address book data corresponding to the user address book. Therefore, any combination of Carr and Unger would also not disclose or suggest such a feature. Accordingly, the present claims are patentable over Carr in view of Unger.

Claims 30-32, 38-40 and 43-51 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Shaffer et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,842,768) in view of Carr. Applicant submits that the present claims are patentable over Carr even in view of Shaffer.

Shaffer discloses that messages or data files of various compressions can be intelligently and efficiently managed as needed based on a current connection speed.

Nonetheless, Shaffer does not disclose or suggest identifying whether data is an email message corresponding to a user mailbox or address book data corresponding to the user address book. As discussed above, Carr does not disclose or suggest such a feature.

Therefore, any combination of Carr and Unger would also not disclose or suggest the feature.

Accordingly, the present claims are patentable over Carr in view of Shaffer.

Claim 42 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of Shaffer and Carr, further in view of Unger. Applicants submit that present

Docket No. 005545.P002 Application No. 09/902.515 claims are patentable over the combination of Carr, Shaffer and Unger for the reasons stated above. Since any combination of Carr, Shaffer and Unger would not disclose or suggest identifying whether data is an email message corresponding to a user mailbox or address book data corresponding to the user address book.

Claims 30, 33-35, 38 and 41 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Shaffer in view of Lindquist et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,687,362) and Carr. Applicants submit that present claims are patentable over the combination of Carr, Shaffer and Lindquist.

Lindquist discloses an automatic address book update system that automates the data collection and maintenance tasks for computerized address book systems. The automatic address book update system is architected to automatically update the data contained therein, by automatically populating the address entries of a subscriber's computerized address book system.

However, Lindquist does not disclose or suggest identifying whether data is an email message corresponding to a user mailbox or address book data corresponding to the user address book. As discussed above, Carr and Shaffer do not disclose or suggest such a feature. Therefore, any combination of Carr, Shaffer and Lindquist would also not disclose or suggest the feature. As a result, the present claims are patentable over the combination of Carr, Shaffer and Lindquist.

Applicant respectfully submits that the rejections have been overcome and that the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests the rejections be withdrawn and the claims be allowed.

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

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